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BRITISH RAILWAYS' NEW CRISIS

Deterioration Of Rolling Stock

London, Nov. 18.—The rapid deterioration of British railway rolling stock, which is outstripping repairs and replacements, is threatening the movement of coal, steel and merchandise, and may hamper the nation's entire production effort, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Minister in charge of economic affairs, told a press conference here today.

Sir Stafford Cripps statement came less than 24 hours after the announcement of record coal output figures which, it was hoped, would enable Britain to reach the 200,000,000 tons target for this year.

He described the rolling stock position as "extremely grave", with 200,000 wagons under repair or laid up.

Britain's railways have seriously deteriorated during the war when replacement of rolling stock was interrupted. Observers believe that the five-day week operating in many industries is delaying a quick turn-over of wagons at weekends.

Sir Stafford Cripps today called for an "effective and sustained drive" to use the existing wagon stock to greater advantage.

COAL PRODUCTION
Mr. Hugh Galskell, Fuel Minister, warned against "unrestrained optimism" on the coal situation when he spoke at the same conference.

Although the present output figures were "very cheering", production might drop again in January and February when there was usually more illness among miners, he said.

Referring to the resumption of coal exports promised for next spring, Mr. Galskell added: "When we have a few more weeks' experience of longer hours in mines and experience of consumption, we shall review the position and decide whether we can start earlier and if so at what level."

He disclosed that, in view of improved stocks, ships on the South-American run would now be supplied with enough coal to take them to South-American ports and back to St. Vincent, Windward Islands' bunkering station.—Reuter

MINERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Paris, Nov. 18.—A broad section of France's nationalised industry faced paralysis as 114,000 coal miners and workers in three automobile plants voted to strike for pay rises.

Tieup of all the nation's harbours also was threatened in sympathy with a Maxwellite walkout as the centre political parties negotiated for the formation of a strong government to meet the labour crisis.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

A Pioneer In Radio

THE BBC, best known and most quoted radio service in the world, has just celebrated its Silver Jubilee, marking the completion of 25 years of distinctive accomplishment in the most modern form of mass entertainment, education and enlightenment. Hongkong, in common with every other part of the British Commonwealth, has always borne an affection for the BBC. The Colony recalls with gratefulness its news service from September 1939 until August, 1945. During those years the BBC built up for itself a reputation for honesty and objectiveness in reporting war news, and this fixed policy of presenting the news factually was eventually rewarded by the triumph over the false propaganda radio organisations of Germany and Japan. Even while Hongkong was suffering the indignity of subjugation, the BBC information services filtered through to those in FOV and internment camps giving them renewed hope and encouragement. Today Hongkong continues to benefit from the choice range of entertaining programmes broadcast and transmitted by the BBC, and as the recent survey of ZBW revealed, these programmes have a widely appreciative audience. From those experimental days of 1922, the BBC naturally, and fortunately, has had its critics, many as

42 Victims In Department Store Fire

Christchurch, New Zealand, Nov. 18.—Forty-two persons were killed or missing in a spectacular fire which destroyed the four-storey Ballantyne Brothers' department store. Bodies of 28 were recovered. Another died in a hospital; 13 were missing.

Firemen made numerous dramatic rescues. Eyewitnesses said they could see bodies of additional victims scattered among the charred debris. Firemen were summoned when dense black smoke began pouring from roof and windows. Then great sheets of flame enveloped the structure, trapping clerks and shoppers.

The crowd gathered in the street heard the screams of victims above the roar of the blaze.—Associated Press.

MAULED BY TIGER

Clown Loses Arm

Sheffield, Nov. 18.—The midday clown Albert Horton, 35, appearing as "Little Albert" in "Big Top Circus" had an arm torn off just below his shoulder by a tiger in the wings of the Empire Theatre, Sheffield. He was also attacked by the tiger's mate.

Horton, who is four feet five inches in height, did not lose consciousness but sat by the tiger's cage and smoked cigarettes. Following an operation in the Royal Hospital, his condition was described as "fairly satisfactory."

Horton said: "I bent down to pick up the props when the shutters of the cage dropped. Next I knew was that Rajah was clawing through the bars. I tried to shield my face with my arm but he got hold of it and dragged it through the bars."

The tiger, six-year old Rajah, is the star turn of Jimmy Chipperfield's act, a 34-year old ex-fighter pilot.—Reuter.

Squalls Impede Rescue Work

St. John's, Newfoundland, Nov. 18.

Northeasterly squalls of 55 miles per hour threatened the efforts of United States coastguards here to attempt the rescue today of the crew of the wrecked British freighter Langlecrag, stranded on Sacred Island, on the northern tip of Newfoundland.

The coastguards were reported to have been asked to make the attempt regardless of weather conditions.

Whaling boats were reported to have been held up by the storm when they attempted to go to the rescue of the crew.—Reuter.

America's Plan For The New Germany

FEDERATED STATE

Chicago, Nov. 18.—He would press for a strict safeguard over the resources and the industrial potential of the Ruhr so that its products could be used for the benefit of the European community as a whole and for the establishment of a provisional central authority in the federated German State when the attempt to write the German peace treaty is resumed in London next week, Mr. George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, said tonight.

Mr. Marshall, who leaves in two days' time for next week's London meeting of the Foreign Ministers, accused Russia of "propaganda of the most brazen and contemptuous character" and said that it was "time to call a halt to such inflammatory practices."

Addressing the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, he charged Russia with "endeavouring to prolong the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in Europe indefinitely."

"From the termination of hostilities down to the present time, the Soviet Government has consistently followed a course which was bound to arouse the resentment of our people," he declared.

As a clue to the policy he would follow in London, Mr. Marshall promised: "I will approach the conference with an open mind and will seek only for a sound basis for agreement."

"I will seek to avoid a statement for its mere propaganda effect no matter what the provocation."

ACUTE PROBLEM
Mr. Marshall said that the problem of Germany was "acute" among the general problems of restoring Europe's stability.

"But we must be very careful to see that a revised Germany could not again threaten the European economy," he added.

Insisting that "there can be no question of the absolute necessity of keeping Germany disarmed" and demilitarised, he reported the 40-year German non-aggression pact "still stands."

He stressed, in addition, that "there is an imperative necessity for safeguards to ensure that the economic power of Germany shall not be used by a future German government as a weapon for the furtherance of exclusive German policies."

"The answer to the problem relates primarily to the future role and functioning of the great industrial complex in the Ruhr."

"The United States believed that safeguards must be set up to ensure that the resources and the industrial potential of the Ruhr, particularly in respect of coal and steel, should not be left under the exclusive control of any future German government, but should be used for the benefit of the European community as a whole."

"If adequate safeguards were constructed," Mr. Marshall added, "it should be possible to proceed to the establishment of a provisional central authority in a federated German State and to the final framing of a peace settlement."

"We shall earnestly endeavour at the conference in London to make progress along these lines."

ANTI-U.S. CAMPAIGN
Turning to overall diplomatic problems now facing the United States, Mr. Marshall declared: "We are aware of the seriousness and the extent of the campaign which is being directed against us as one of the bulwarks of Western civilisation."

"We are not blind to any of the forms which this attack assumed, and we do not propose to stand by and watch a disintegration of the international community to which we belong."

Stressing once again that the United States is part of European civilisation, Mr. Marshall said that the United States and Britain were genuinely striving for European recovery.

King's Offer To Assist Princess

London, November 18.—King George told Parliament tonight that he is prepared to meet out of his own savings—made during the war from Government allowances—the cost of maintaining Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten "for a period" after their wedding.

Indicating the period would be two years, King George in his message said that he would do this because he was anxious that "this provision should be made in such a way as not to impose a burden on his people at the present time when they are faced with great economic difficulties."

Princess Elizabeth herself has announced that she is giving twenty of the 25 frocks, frocks, suits, coats and negligees she has received as wedding gifts from the New York Institute of Dress Designers to 20 British brides, who are being married on November 19, 20 or 21.—Reuter.

Proposed New Status For Jerusalem

International Zone

Lake Success, N.Y., Nov. 18.—Jerusalem, under the proposal to partition Palestine, will be governed as an international zone, according to the plan of the United Nations Palestine Sub-Committee outlined here today.

The Governor of the city will be selected for his special qualifications without regard to nationality, but may not be a citizen of Palestine. He will engage a special police force to be recruited outside Palestine—for maintaining law and order. Jerusalem will be demilitarised, its neutrality declared and preserved, and no military formations nor activities will be permitted within its boundaries.

SECRET BALLOT
Under the plan its residents will elect by secret ballot and proportional representation a legislative council with powers of taxation and legislation.

But the Governor will have the right to veto any bills and to make temporary ordinances. He will exercise all powers of administration, including foreign affairs. His staff will be classed as international officers and chosen whenever possible from Jerusalem residents.

The Sub-Committee has agreed that Jerusalem's boundaries under the suggested regime should include the present municipality and a number of surrounding villages and towns, including Shufat to the north, Bethlehem to the south, Abu-Dur to the east and Ein Karim to the west.

The Sub-Committee accepted a suggestion by Mr. Moshe Shertok, of the Jewish Agency, that Moslems should be included.

ECONOMIC UNION
Jerusalem will be included in a Palestine economic union and shall give equal treatment to all United Nations subjects in economic matters. There will be an independent judicial system, including a court of appeal.

There will be freedom of transit within Jerusalem, subject to security considerations and to control by the Governor.

The United Nations Sub-Committee has not yet decided whether the International Zone of Jerusalem shall be under the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the Security Council, or under a special commission of the General Assembly, nor has it determined the duration of the international regime.—Reuter.

RIOTS IN ITALY

Rome, Nov. 18.—Rioting broke out in the southern Puglia region again today when a mob of 3,000 attacked the police barracks in the town of Corato and were repulsed when the police opened fire.

United Press correspondent in Bari reported that Italian Army troops with light tanks and armoured vehicles were rushed from Bari, 25 miles to the south. Corato is 20 miles from Cerignola, scene of the bloodiest outbreaks to date in 14 days of rioting. Roads were cut and telephone communications were severed.—United Press.

QUAKE SHAKES LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Nov. 18.—An earthquake, described as "fairly severe", shook Los Angeles at 10 o'clock GMT tonight.—Reuter.

Anti-Inflation Programme Stirs Opposition

TAFT'S HOSTILITY

Washington, Nov. 18.—A threat to the long range European recovery programme developed in the United States Congress today when a considerable number of Democrat members crossed the party line to form a solid bloc with the Republicans in opposition to President Truman's anti-inflation programme.

Mr. Truman, with his proposals yesterday for the return to price control and rationing, appears, in the past 24 hours to have shifted the main emphasis in the present special session of Congress from foreign to domestic affairs and to have reduced the sense of urgency previously attached to the former issue.

The President also seems to have evoked new allegations that the vast American relief exports were one, if not the main, cause of inflation and to have rallied supporters to Senator Robert Taft's claim that the Marshall Plan cost must, at the very most, be no bigger than the present overseas expenditures.

Mr. Truman appears in addition to have created an atmosphere of bitter political partisanship over what is likely to prove the key issue of the 1948 Presidential election.

President Truman will send a message to Congress on the long-range self-help recovery plan to Europe within ten days or two weeks, Mr. Charles Ross, the White House press secretary, told reporters today.

TAFT'S CHARGES
Washington, Nov. 18.—Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Policy Committee, today charged President Truman with resorting to police state methods in the anti-inflationary programme he outlined to Congress, and lamented "it was most unfortunate" that the President's address had "not a word of encouragement for those fighting against Communism."

He said the policy of destroying German industrial plants is working against European recovery.

He warned a return to government controls would leave the nation with no surpluses for foreign aid programme.

The avowed candidate for Republican presidential nomination told a nationwide radio audience: "The way to hold prices down is for the government to spend less money, reduce taxes, limit exports, hold the Marshall plan within reasonable figure and to control the growth of private credit."

Senator Taft charged Mr. Truman was seeking to "turn the clock backwards" and moved toward a totalitarian state.

He conceded that prices were "certainly too high" and may lead to requests for "unreasonable increases in wages."

THE ALTERNATIVE
"Certainly more food is being consumed in this country than is necessary, but if we cannot meet a problem of this kind within our system of free competition and incentive then we must regiment prices, wages and rationing forever," he said.

Senator Taft said controls choke production instead of increasing it and "nobody knows enough to do the job to control as well as it can be done by natural economic law."

Certainly this administration has shown no evidence of ability to do the job.

He said the United States has been giving Europe about \$5,000,000 per year in various types of aid and he saw no reason for increasing that rate. He said no more than \$2,500,000 of the proposed Marshall plan funds was intended for food, fuel and fertilizer and the "rest of the assistance requested is desirable but much of it is not essential and certainly not worth another office of price administration."

Senator Taft concluded: "I believe very strongly we can adopt a (Continued On Page 4)

Seven Of Nine Children Die From Ill-Treatment

Paris, Nov. 18.—In 15 years, Roger and Germaine Huet, the "beasts of Clichy," had nine children. Today, only two are alive but only barely so. Seven died at their parents' hands from beatings, cold and hunger, the police said.

Yvette, 11, and Raymond, 2, the only children left, were saved just in time. Both were near death from malnutrition. They were clothed in scraps and were sleeping on bare springs without covers, living in a filthy hovel.

Two inspectors, making a routine investigation, knocked at the Huet door. Germaine Huet, 39, a cruel-faced alcoholic, refused to let the police in. They returned with a warrant.

The stench from the tiny room was almost too much for the police. Little Raymond and Yvette were huddled on their steel springs, surrounded by human filth. The baby gnawed hungrily at a raw potato. Yvette, infantile despite her 11 years, stared stupidly.

NEIGHBOURS' STORY
Neighbours eagerly told the story. Germaine, who was concubine of a building, had had nine children. All the money that her husband, Roger, a day-labourer, brought home went for drink. Both drank heavily. Often little Yvette slept huddled outside the front door, her skinny body shivering from cold, her only friend a black kitten.

The only reason Yvette had survived so long apparently was because she was cared for by some body else during the war, when the Huets went to Germany as voluntary workers.

The Huet couple have meanwhile been removed to the local goal on charges of maltreating their children.

They will be brought before the examining magistrate next week, who will decide whether to strengthen the charge following a special investigation.

The Clichy Police Commissioner said the police had not been able to substantiate the murder charge involving the other seven children and that this task would be up to the examining magistrate.—United Press.

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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

If you are a dreamy time-waster like your Uncle Nat, marked down in boyhood as a ne'er-do-well by energetic busybodies and no use at all in times of austerity, you will have your compensations.

You will probably have enough imagination to escape from the dull world about you and live in a world of your own creation.

Often when bores are trying to hold your Uncle's attention he forgets their existence and finds to his astonishment and delight that he is sailing into the sunset in a white-winged yacht, or bowling for England at Lord's, hitting the middle stump with every ball and dismissing the entire South African team in an over and a half for no runs at all; or maybe he is just in an ideal bar where champagne cocktails are free and everybody is witty and beautiful—or handsome, according to sex.

It was a miniature bottle of Scotch sent over by an American friend that made your Uncle forget for a few minutes that he was back to the grindstone after his holidays.

Instead of emptying the little bottle, he suddenly saw it on a miniature table together with two miniature glasses and a miniature syphon of soda.

Seated at the table were two tiny men smoking tiny cigars. They were so small that their conversation sounded like the squeaking of mice, but if you listened carefully you found they were tiny Americans working themselves to death in a doll's house Wall-street for the purpose of acquiring millions of dollars bills half the size of postage stamps.

"Well," squeaked the first little man, pouring drinks from the little bottle, "America is certainly on top of the world. Yes, sir."

"The good old U.S.A." squeaked the second little man.
"Live every day the U.S. way. I made that little thing up myself. Only this morning at breakfast."

Is there such a thing as 'Moon Madness'?

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

"WHAT evidence is there for the belief that the moon can influence the human mind?"

For centuries people accepted this belief. Then came the age of scientific discovery and the idea was discredited.

But now many doctors with vast experience of mental hospitals support the belief. They say their patients are noisier at the full of the moon and that sleep-walking is commonest then.

Not a great deal of direct study of the problem has been made, but there is an increasing amount of evidence from research on animals to support the belief that life may be affected by the moon to a far greater degree than many believe.

FOR EXAMPLE:

OYSTERS.—Scientists have found that oysters open their shells and begin to feed at the exact moment the moon passes over the meridian on which they lie, and when it passes the corresponding meridian on the other side of the earth.

EELS.—It is a particular phase of the moon—the waning period—which starts adult eels on their migration from Britain to spawning grounds in the Sargasso Sea.

HERRINGS.—Fishermen report that the best catches of herrings are usually made at full moon.

Some fishes are sensitive to tides in a way that may be due to the direct effect of the moon upon their brains. Trapped in a rock pool soreened from the sea they have been seen to throw themselves on to wet sand and flop their way into the

ebb-tide. They seemed to know the sea was going back though the water in their pool was still.

WORMS.—The most startling example of moon control is shown by certain tropical worms—called polioles—living in coral rock. They emerge from their burrows only twice a year. Their excursions are always made on the first day of each of the months of October and November when the moon enters its last quarter.

So definite is this relation with the moon that the natives of Fiji and Samoa have incorporated the appearance of the worms in their calendar.

AS FOR HUMANS:

It is a long way from the behaviour of worms and fishes to the actions of human beings. But all living organisms are affected by the same basic factors like light and temperature. It may be that the moon is another of these.

If so, how does it produce its effect across 224,000 miles of space? It is not the light that does it. The herring, the worm and the snail respond whether the moon is obscured by clouds or not. Nor is it a tidal effect. The moon pulls on the seas as it moves round the earth causing the tides, and it has a measurable tidal effect on the atmosphere. But fishes and other sea animals answer the moon when they are kept in tanks too small for the tidal effect to be significant.

It is possible that the moon exerts some direct pull on living tissues. Perhaps in the human brain small granules in the nerve cells are moved about as the moon changes its position in space. The fluids in the cavities of the brain and spine may be influenced.

Whatever the effect may be it is only slight in most people.

But it could be the cause of those inexplicable moods—fits of excitement or depression—which we all get at times.

"You always were a bit of a poet, Elmer."

"Thanks a lot, Homer. The other morning I made this one up. For bright and happy lives, stick to private enterprise."

"Why, that's terrific Elmer."

"Maybe it don't quite rhyme like a proper poem, but my wife thought it pretty good. And she's my severest critic, Homer."

"I'll say she is, Elmer. Specially after you've been to one of those Elks parties, you wicked old rascal you."

"I see by the papers the British are squawking again."

"They're always squawking."

"They're in a spot. You lend them money. They spend it too soon. Then they squawk."

"They even have the nerve to say we're chiselling because we put up prices after we've lent them the dough."

"What do these Socialists know about business, anyway?"

"A lot of idle, dreamy bums, waiting for hard-working folks to help them out. Have another drink, Elmer?"

"Why, thanks, Homer. They make the Scotch and we drink it because they can't afford it. That hands you a lift don't it?"

"I've nothing against the British, but anything against Socialism hands me a lift, Elmer. When the British Socialist Government was elected and we cut off Leave-Lend without warning I laffed and laffed and laffed."

"We wouldn't have done that if Churchill's party had been elected."

"No, sir."

"And maybe we might have had special prices under the loan if Churchill's party had got in."

"Maybe, Elmer, maybe."

"But don't let anybody say that the United States interferes in the domestic politics of any country."

"Why, certainly not, Elmer. The United States stands for freedom for all people under the sun."

"But everybody must learn that the only way of life is the American way of life."

"Even if they have to learn it the hard way."

"Only last week I made up another little poem on those very lines. It was 'Life is jam, with Uncle Sam.'"

"Why, that's swell, Elmer. So simple, yet so true. You ought to publish a book or sump'n."

"Maybe I will, Homer. Maybe I will."

All over again

ONE of the minor miseries in an age of major miseries is the dreary spectacle of history repeating itself.

To middle-aged men, living through 1947 is rather like living through 1921 again except that it is much worse and much harder to bear when you have seen it all before.

There are the same bright, brittle girls parked on every seat in every bar, their cackling laughter and shrill screams making every hotel and public house sound like a vast parrot's cage.

There are the same young men unable to adjust themselves after winning the war for us, once those "good-for-nothing ex-soldiers," now "army spivs." Twenty-nine years ago and two years ago they were "those brave boys."

There is the same snarling in the world of politics; there are the same political extremists who think that everything will be solved by hitting somebody on the head, the same insults are being hurled at the amazed people of the country, who thought they had saved the world once again from slavery, and the same money changers are haggling and squabbling while people go hungry.

Incidentally, our only friends in 1947 are the same as they were in 1921—the people of the Dominions.

BUT perhaps the dreariest repetition of history is the reappearance of the American religious revivalist.

Soon after the Kaiser's war Almesa Semple McPherson arrived with bands, gorgeous uniforms, a "hot gospel," and a lot of collecting boxes for the purpose of extracting money from the simple English.

The simple English treated her as they treat all foreigners, as amusing, even charming freaks, good for a laugh at any time.

But they didn't give her "much money." She had come from California where nobody (not even Sam Goldwyn) is properly grown-up, to an old and cynical country which, refused to take her seriously.

At least, it didn't take her seriously and didn't give her any money at all after reporter Gubbins had interviewed her.

NOW, as history insists on repeating itself, we have Mr Jack Martz, also from California, dressed up as a cowboy, with his seven-year-old daughter Renee, who has come to save us all from sin.

"Have a revival in your heart," pipes little Renee while poppa goes round with the hat.

Like Almesa McPherson and all other business-like revivalists, Mr Martz believes in trumpet-blowing and drum-banging as the best method of winning the reluctant heart of the sinful masses.

When you are deflected by music and dazzled by uniforms your resistance is weakened and you are much more likely to invest your money on a part-payment for a house in heaven than on a pint in a public house on earth.

So Mr Martz blows a trombone his wife Esther blows a saxophone, little Renee blows a trumpet, and a Miss Ruby May James bangs a piano. Anybody with a drum is allowed to whack it.

BUT, despite all this, and despite the supreme moment when little Renee puts down her doll to say: "We all need a revival. I need a revival. My mummy needs a revival. You can all sing 'Oh I'm So Happy Now,' the small English audience at the Albert Hall, kept their money in their pockets and crept away, no doubt, feeling slightly sick.

Party conversation

WHISKY'S getting so short that Margaret's father's taken to "eating."

"If this doesn't teach us to be neutral the next war, nothing will ever teach us anything."

"My husband says Americans shouldn't be hurt if they are unpopular in the world today. He says when we were rich and powerful, lending money at interest and handing out lectures for nothing we were unpopular, too."

"When the basic petrol ration goes there'll be no cabs in London for anybody but those who use them for black market transport."

All Brenda's husband wants is bread and cheese, but she will use up his cheese ration in her filthy cooking.

"I only hope the German prisoners won't go short of anything."

"My husband says when you think hard things about America remember the men of the Eagle Squadron and forget the men of Wall-street."

"Margaret's father's lived without food so long that he didn't know there was any rationing."

"It's all very well to say eat more fish. If everybody eats more fish than they're eating, how, there won't be any fish."

"As 1945 was the healthiest year ever known in Britain, it shows you that reasonable austerity does no harm."

"When people start talking about Christmas turkeys at this time, I want to scream."

"My husband says it will probably be a good world for our grandchildren, but it's no good to us."

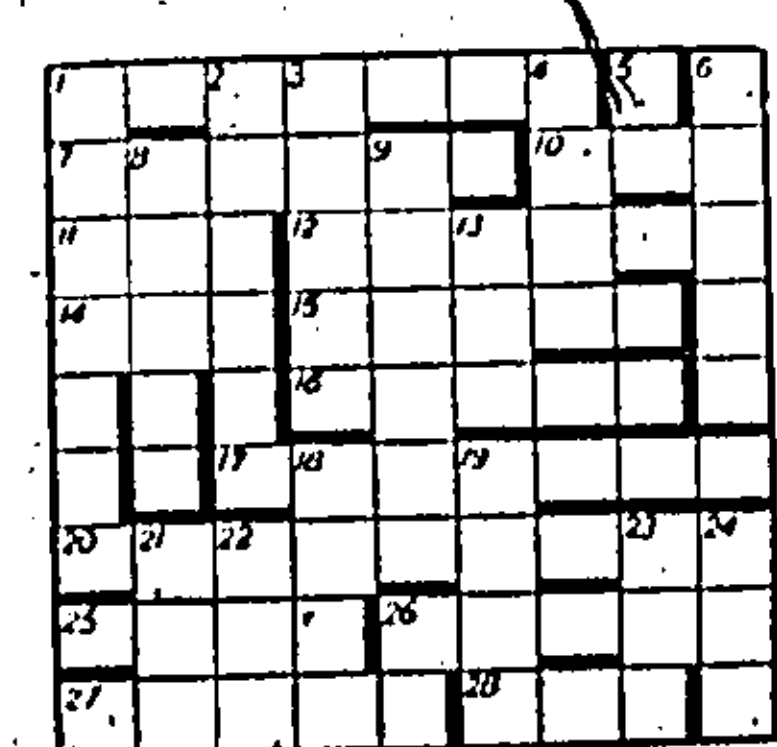
"When will some fool suggest calling out the Home Guard?"

"What's the use of looking bronzed and well if your rations are cut?"

"My husband says this will give London restaurants an even greater opportunity of giving you nothing for something."

"Margaret's father, after keeping fighting fit on whisky for 40 years, is now feeling quite ill on two meals a day."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- putting you on this list. (4-3)
20. See 1 Down.
21. Destructive. (4)
22. Act amiss. (3)
23. Great pain. (5)
24. The stroke of regret. (3)
Down
1. and 20. Seems that boy Blue's catnip have saved the the wrong place. (4, 2, 3, 0)
2. In a word, he's B.A.P. (6)
3. This time is often scary. (5)
4. See 1 Across.
5. Act from a bad organ grinder. (5)
6. Archaic (syring). (5)
7. Native out of mixed blood. (4)
8. Tip. (3)
9. No brunettes obviously. (4)
10. She was usually accompanied by a lion. (3)
11. Followed by ugh! would be sufficient. (3)
12. To a sailor it's a dwelling. (3)
13. Conquered. (3)
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Women BY THE WAY by Beachcomber



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Keep your body smooth and hair-free.

KEEP FIT!

Hard water, while perfectly pure, has a very drying effect on the skin, making it early and dry, often red and itchy. If you live in the "hard water" regions use a generous handful of soda bicarbonate or a dash of starch flakes in your bath water.

A small muslin bag, filled with oatmeal, is an old beauty trick of grandmother's day but it's still a good one. Of course, beautiful, sweet smelling oils and bath salts are wonderful but for everyday use they are often a strain on the budget.

For the dry skin use a rubdown with oil. A small amount of white mineral oil will give your skin a nice sheen and will allow any dry flakiness and end that "itchy" feeling.

Your legs must always be smooth. The smooth surface protects your stockings from runs which, in all fairness to the hosiery people, are often caused by harsh, flaky skin on your legs.

Keep your body hair-free. That is demanded by good taste and good grooming. Under arm shaving must be done regularly. Always pat on a

little skin freshener and talcum after your beauty rite.

Never allow even a downy fuzz on the legs. It's so easy to shave or use a wax depilatory, cream or one of the "creams" made for removal of superfluous hair on legs. You can bleach it by using equal parts of ammonia and peroxide, but if the growth is dark and heavy, you'll still have a golden fuzz which will mat and show through your stockings. So, be modern and use one of the new, modern ways to remove unwanted and unsightly hair.

The cream depilatories are now so easy to use. And they are all faintly perfumed and no longer have an unpleasant smell. So there is no excuse for appearing in public with a growth of hair on legs, arms or under the arms.

Stripes for winter



Stripes in soft woollens will entice the fashion-wise this winter, writes Patricia Lennard.

Virginia has sketched, left, a Meridith coat in striking black and white striped wool embodying new fashion details in shawl collar, rounded shoulderline, deep hip pockets and the barrel silhouette, tapering to a knee-hugging hem.

Right, is a hand-woven dress by Garreux in soft seal grey, with a striped tweed effect. The voice and turn-back cuffs on the wrist-length sleeves are pearl grey. This is a classic dress—only concession to present fashion is the top effect of unpressed pleats in the skirt.

French To Rebuild Magenot Line

By DAVID A. LOEWING
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

The Maginot Line is being rehabilitated and maintained by the French Army. The plan is to incorporate it into the nation's future system of national defences.

The value of fixed defences was not disproved by World War II, in the opinion of many French military experts.

On the contrary, General Pierre Schwartz told the United Press that heavily reinforced underground fortifications on a vast scale may be the only answer to atomic warfare.

"In the face of the aerial arm and the modernisation of land forces," Gen. Schwartz said, "countries which do not have large sea and land spaces in which to manoeuvre against invasions will be led to fortify all of their territory." Since the end of the war, according to Col. Jacques Nicolas of the French Army Corps of Engineers, measures have been taken—without any great outlay of money—to rehabilitate the Maginot Line and ensure the upkeep of the principal works.

The measures, he said, will permit the French Army to place the line in a state comparable to that of before the war. Funds will be needed to replace the armament and optical and communications material. Most of it was removed by the Germans during the occupation.

Thus, certain of the works can be included in the national defences of the future," Col. Nicolas said, "or they can be used to shelter vital national resources."

Portions of the vast network of underground fortresses are being used now to house persons made homeless by the war. Coal miners working in the collieries of eastern France also live in them.

Others are being used as garrisons for recruits of the present French Army, and some are serving as munitions depots.

Built At Heavy Cost

Begun in 1928, the Maginot Line was named for Andre Maginot, former Minister of War. It cost 10 billion prewar francs, and extended for more than 200 miles along the Franco-German frontier.

There are 300 major underground forts of steel-reinforced concrete 12 to 15 feet thick, more than 1,000 miles of trenches and 180 miles of anti-tank obstacles.

Although the line was turned in 1940 by the German offensive through Belgium none of its major forts was ever taken by frontal assault, according to Gen. Schwartz.

A concentrated German offensive against the Schoenenbourg fortress near Montmedy lasted from June 16 to July 1, 1940, when its defenders surrendered, orders from the Armistice Commission.

Punishment Absorbed

During that time the fortress sustained hits from 50 2,000 and 3,000-pound bombs, 120 1,000-pound bombs, 12 420 mm. shells, 30 210

and 350 mm. shells and 5,000 smaller shells. When the troops surrendered, the fort still had suffered no serious damage and all guns were in operating condition. There had been 700 casualties among the 9,500 defending soldiers.

During the occupation the Germans systematically dismantled portions of the line, carting away guns, optical instruments, munitions and anything else that possibly could be of use in their own war effort.

In other sectors the Germans maintained the installations, using some of them as underground workshops. Still others were blown up in experiments to determine the efficacy of new explosives against concrete defences.

BRIDESMAID



Miss Diana Bowes-Lyon, 24-year-old niece of the Queen, will be one of the eight girls to wear a gown of silk net and pure silk satin as a bridesmaid to Princess Elizabeth tomorrow. This is a new picture of Miss Bowes-Lyon, taken in her West End flat.

From Here & There:

First Cow Clipper

Ottawa: Canadian cattle are taking to the air. The first aerial shipment of livestock ever sent from Toronto to Cuba was carried by an American Airways freight plane recently. The consignment included one pure bred bull, 15 heifers and 12 calves.

CLAMS - C.O.E. Vancouver: A prominent physician, who has spent 10 years in painstaking research into a dread disease that has baffled top medical scientists throughout the world, claims he has the solution for the control and prevention of poliomyelitis. He is Dr. W. D. Patton and his solution lies in the proper cooking of eggs. Dr. Patton said his long investigations have convinced him that poliomyelitis is similar to the disease known as fowl paralysis, and that poliomyelitis is contracted by humans through eating eggs infected with the disease.

AUSTRALIAN GAS Adelaide: Four months ago the people of Mount Schank, 300 miles southeast of Adelaide, began to notice a smell of gas. After a search they found it coming from a hole in the ground. Someone lit a match and a flame was burned steadily over the spot ever since. Scientists from Melbourne tested the gas and found it of better heating quality than most metropolitan gas supplies. They are going to pipe it to a nearby butter factory for heating the boilers, and may later extend the supply to other consumers.

MODERN MR HYDE. Paris: Dr Crozet was a brilliant chemical engineer who leaped to death from a fifth storey flat after a battle with a police flying squad of 50 men. He shared a flat with his mother and sister—but kept one room to himself. No one knew what went on in that room. Suddenly, one day, he broke out in a frenzy a transformed person, attacked the women and broke furniture, then threatened to blow up the building. If the police bothered him.

PUB FIGHT Toronto: The townspeople of Lechford, in Glenora County, Ontario, voted 1,030 to 650 for the sale of beer and wines publicly after being dry for 33 years. Dr. Smith, the town's name, the sale of Scotch is still banned in public, however, remains.

ARE DANCED Cape Town: A party of his friends renched frantically for old Abe Blais and finally ran him to earth standing humbly in a queue waiting to draw his old-age pension. In the crowded post office they waved a



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Information Bidding
Can Go Haywire

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

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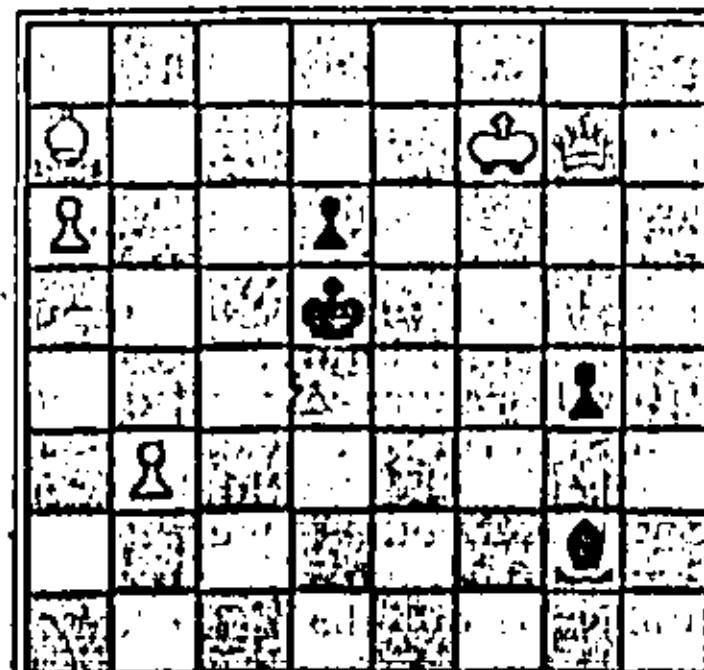
ONE player who always can be counted upon to get to a slam contract, if it is in the cards, is Bertram Lebar, Jr. of New Rochelle, N. Y., treasurer of the American Contract Bridge League. Lebar may be accused of "wild" bidding at times, but he always can show sound reasons for his bids. However, even he had to admit that the bidding on today's hand, which came up in a game at his home, was a bit fantastic. Lebar sat South and his partner was Mrs. Lebar.

The bidding progressed normally to start with. Some players might open the South hand with a forcing two-bid, but I agree with Lebar that the hand is not strong enough for that. With the wonderful spade fit, Mrs. Lebar jumped in diamonds to tell her partner that they were going to make not only a game, but probably a slam. When Lebar replied with three hearts, he accepted the slam invitation, and his partner then showed her preference between hearts and spades with the three-spade bid. Lebar's four-club bid showed the club ace and North's five-club showed the club king. Seeing prospects of a grand slam instead of a small slam, Lebar now bid five diamonds, his void suit. Remember that his partner had made a jump bid in diamonds. Mrs. Lebar, naturally thought that he held the king of diamonds. Having supported spades, she thought it was time to show control in hearts, so she bid five hearts. Lebar in turn thought that she held the king of hearts, so without further ado he bid seven spades.

The play presented no problem as the trumps broke two-two and the clubs three-three, but, as Lebar remarked, it is seldom that both partners support the other's suit with a void as they did in this hand.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. MIKYSKA
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-R8, any; 2. Q. K1, or P mates.

Rupert and the Three Guides—26



Rupert has been taken so completely by surprise that he doesn't try to hide again and let the man lead him back to the "caveau." "Well, what's your trouble now?" asks the gray, smiling kindly at him. "I'm puzzled by the 'quatre'." "Oh no, it's something far more important," cries Rupert. And he tells of all the things missing from Nutwood. "So you think perhaps I'm the thief?" laughs the man. "Well, you may be sure I'm not!"

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Three school children from Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, were treated recently to flights in an Aviator aircraft as a reward for best essays on a flying demonstration held at the RAF Station there, which was attended by 9,000 children from English, Malay, Chinese and Indian schools in and around Kuala Lumpur. Noting the enthusiasm of the children, a RAF officer suggested the competition, and the final selections were made by Air Vice-Marshal J. D. Breakspear, Air Officer Commanding, Malaya.

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